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Rev. Jackson to keynote BIC Dinner

NEWARK — Newark Councilman Donald Tucker, NJ state chairman of the Black Issues Convention (BIC), announced that Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., 1988 U.S. Presidential candidate, and President of the Rainbow Coalition will be the 8th Annual Convention Banquet Speaker on Saturday, September 22, 1990.

Calling him one of America's greatest leaders, Tucker said that Jackson recently traveled to the Middle East to liberate captive Americans using his unique brand

of negotiation rather than armed confrontation.

The 1990 gathering marks the 8th year of operations of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (NJ, BIC).

"The past seven years have provided African-American leadership in our state with an opportunity to work closer together on local, state and national levels on important issues and concerns of our Community," said Tucker. "NJ, BIC and its affiliate orga-

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Payne leads workshops at Black Caucus weekend



WASHINGTON — Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne (D-NJ) will lead three panel discussions on key issues facing the African American community during the 20th Annual Legislative Weekend sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus from September 26 through September 29.

Payne has invited leading experts from around the country to participate in the three forums. The topics are: "Literacy in the '90s: Preparing for our Future," "Problems and Potential for Trade in Africa," and "Our Youth at Risk."

The workshops are free and open to the public. These forums will focus on issues of growing importance as we move into the new decade," Payne said. "I urge all interested individuals to come and join in our discussions."

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ECC may lose vital student program due to state goof

by Connie Woodruff

Lack of state funding may force Essex County College President A. Zachary Yamba to slam the lid on a college program that has helped thousands of students find an alternative to unemployment, welfare and negative lifestyles.

Yamba announced this week that due to Governor Florio's mandated cutback on the state's educational budget and a bureaucratic snafu in the Department of Higher Education (DHE), the Center for Academic Services and Student Development (CASSD) will cease operation at year's end.

College administrators say Yamba initiated CASSD in 1983 when DHE pressed its policy of open admissions and in an effort to increase minorities in the higher education system.

According to admissions officers and others, it is not unusual for student applicants to be prepared for college. This is particularly true, said Yamba, for students holding high school diplomas or GEDs from inner city institutions.

"We are mandated to accept students reading below an eighth grade level with severe deficiencies in math and English and the only way to bring them up to par is to assign them to intensive classes in reading and math," Yamba explained. "Our CASSD program is 37 hours a week of reading and math instruction. As a result, about half the students who completed the program went on to earn degrees. We are proud



Dr. Zachary Yamba

of the students who achieved and grateful to their instructors who are dedicated to positive accomplishments."

Because of CASSD the college population has "steadily increasing, a fact he's by DHE and the community activists who challenged Yamba when he threatened to set admissions standards that would limit access to students who had a higher potential for college level courses.

In a show of cooperation, DHE gave the college additional funding for the remedial program. The college received some \$250,000 to begin the special center that services approximately 600 students a year. Those who complete the initial phase of the program are absorbed into the general college population and many transfer to local four year colleges and universities after

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Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. as displayed in one of the many exhibits at the African American Festival held at the Garden State Arts Center. Photo by Ray Bailey

Shackelford, mayors showcase at BLAC PAC gala

by Connie Woodruff

It was definitely a cavvier and champagne crowd last week when New Jersey's newly organized Black Political Action Committee, Inc. (BLAC PAC) entertained an overflow crowd at their first annual dinner dance.

If last week's affair at the posh Livingston Country Club was an indication, then future BLAC PAC fund-raising and appreciation events will light up the fall social season.

It will also serve as an excuse to get out ones most fabulous after five attire to match the impeccable tuxedoed escort.

BLAC PAC was organized in 1985 but really didn't get serious about dumping big bucks into the campaigns of endorsed candidates until two years ago.

Non-partisan in purpose, they have several missions including empowerment of business and professionals of African-American descent to expand and make capital of opportunities for economic development and growth. Also to support candidates of their choice (black and white) in an organized fashion and to influence legislation through elected officials helped by the group.

Big Jim Felton, president of EBON, a million dollar cleaning firm and other business ventures, serves as president. He says BLAC PAC is no "gimmick" and that members are dead serious about the purpose of its mission and is committed to the advancement of blacks' nationality and internationally in the production, distribution and consumption of the world's resources and services.

Although local political "pioneers" like Essex County Register Larrie West Stalks and State Senator Wynona Lipman were among awardees, as was Queenie James, Essex Democratic vice chairlady and former Newark Legal Services director, Sandra Robinson who is now deputy mayor of Hackensack, along with four of New Jersey's youngest and most recent mayors, Bob Brown, Oranget, Cardell Cooper, East Orange; Michael

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John Manning (foreground), his brother Jamie and sister Jennifer display their painted faces at Newark's Festival of People. Photo by Glen Friesen

Newark holds Super Sale

Newark Mayor Sharpe James has asked city residents to do their share for Newark's renaissance by participating in a "Super Sale"—the largest property auction the City of Newark has ever held. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 26, 27 and 28. The event will be in the Terrace Room of Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., beginning at 9 a.m. The "Super Sale" will include 401 lots valued at about \$1 per square foot and 56 residential and commercial structures located throughout the City.

"We all share the responsibility for Newark's renaissance," said James. "By purchasing these choice real estate properties, citizens of Newark are not only making a smart investment, but they are also making a significant contribution to the City's future."

"With the great need for affordable housing, this 'Super Sale' is a tremendous opportunity for Newark residents to own property that can be renovated to provide apartments that other Newark

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Part II Publishers Interview

Ellis: Principals are key to good schools

City News: It seems that schools utilize a significant amount of time on staff development. Have the results been equally significant in terms of classroom implementation?

Commissioner: Frequently, staff development consists of a motivational speaker or some expert who has some ideas, and the people who hear that individual sometimes come away and say that was a great speech or those are interesting ideas, but there was no systematic effort to implement the program or follow-up to ensure that the program implementation occurred and that something would result in benefits for kids. So staff development in many ways has been disconnected from program improvements. It shouldn't be, but it is. We want to try to identify what program improvements we are going to achieve. What are the bottom line results we are looking for: reduce dropout rates, improve test scores, better grades, higher attendance, better programs for the young people, more students in the higher level course. We want to focus on results and then initiate programs to achieve those results and then train and have the training be developed around the implementation.

Now one training component that I'm concerned about is building principals. It's very clear that if you have a good principal, you're likely to have a good school. If you have a poor principal, you're likely to have a poor school. That's a generalization and there are exceptions. But that's a very common phenomenon. Even in districts that are characterized as bad school

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Governor Florio's Address before School Administrators, teachers, parents and community people concerning the Quality Education Act

Speaking with you today, I feel a little like a football coach giving a pep talk in a locker room before the big game. I can see that all are excited and anxious—ready to go on the field. It is a big game.

Because a few months ago we received a challenge. The state supreme court said something that all of us have known for a long time: every school district deserves the resources to educate its children. They reminded us about fairness—that every child deserves the chance to succeed.

The result is that we're going to spend \$1 billion more on education in your 30 districts, and hundreds of other school districts in New Jersey. It's up to you to put that money to good use for the children in your communities. That's the challenge. It is, indeed, a whole new ball game.

The difference from a real game is: we can all win. The whole state comes out ahead. But if the job doesn't get done, unlike sports, there may not be the chance to say as my Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, "wait 'till next year."

A year lost in education is a year our kids never get back, or our state, for that matter. How well we educate our children, will determine how strong our state will be in the future. Education is the ultimate investment in the future.

Our kids have waited too long. They've suffered more than a decade under an unconstitutional system for funding our schools. A system where many of our young people were denied opportunities through no fault of their own, just by where they happened to live. A system, under which our state risked its future economic vitality by allowing valuable minds to go to waste.

Next year, that all changes, and just in time, too. We need to start preparing for the 21st century, which, let's not forget, is only ten years away.

Beginning with the school budgets that you prepare this academic year, we are making our largest investment ever in education.

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CITY PEOPLE

CALENDAR

Dr. Eleanor Smith named VP and Provost of WPC



Dr. Eleanor Jane Smith, Dean of Institutional Affairs at Smith College, has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of William Paterson College in Wayne, NJ. She will assume her new position October 1.

Smith took over a newly created position at Smith College in September 1988 in which she supervised ten departments which had previously reported to the president and the dean of the faculty.

Her responsibilities included enrollment management, strategic planning, space utilization, campus computing and communications, the architecture and building committee and long- and short-range planning for special needs.

"Dr. Smith was chosen through a very competitive search," said Dr. Arnold Speert, president of William

Paterson College. "She exhibits the dynamism, experience and academic leadership we seek, and I eagerly await her arrival on campus."

Prior to her experience at Smith College, WPC's new vice president was a professor and administrator at the University of Cincinnati. Beginning as an assistant professor of Afro-American studies in 1972, she became a full professor in 1982. In 1983, after serving as assistant senior vice president and provost and director of summer sessions, she was named associate senior vice president and in 1985 became vice provost for faculty and academic affairs.

Smith is a member of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc., and the American Association for Higher Education. Smith and her husband, Paul, a psychologist, will reside in Wayne.

Wed-Sunday, Sept. 19-23

NEWARK—The Eighth Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. NJ BIC will bring together leaders from civil rights, government and religious institutions to deliver major statements on issues of concern to the African-American community. Many statewide leaders, both black and white will lend their expertise in a series of workshops that address key issues. For more information call 201-924-7463.

Thursday, September 20

NEWARK—WBOG-FM will hold a gallery opening for Newark painter, James Robert Nelson from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the JAZZ 88 studio, 54 Park Place. The work will remain in display through November 9. Free and open to the public.

LOS ANGELES, CA—Public Hearing on Minority Business Development sponsored by the Commission on Minority Business Development. For further information call 202-523-0030.

Friday, September 21

UNION—Elizabeth Branch of the NAACP will hold their Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. at the Town and Campus, 1040 Morris Ave. Keynote speaker Hon. Bruce M. Wright, Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York. Donation \$35. Contact Lucy Davison 201-353-4013.

UNION—Meet Your Community Business Support Groups at Kean College, North Avenue. Directors and heads of eight of the most significant county-based organizations come together in one seminar to present their programs and services. Free. For further information contact Dalia Ewerett 201-527-2946.

ATLANTA, GA—Atlanta Regional Observance of MED Week sponsored by the US Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. For information call 404-947-3438.

Saturday, September 22

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library salutes Hispanic Heritage Month with four films depicting the lives of notable women. Frieda Kahlo, the wife of the muralist Diego Rivera and controversial Mexican revolutionary painter began the festival. Other women are featured on October 13, 21 and November 4. Show time is at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 201-733-7793.

EAST ORANGE—Cox Institute will sponsor the adductive seminar on the Black Alcoholism and Prevention of Chemical abuse at 9 a.m. For information contact 678-7626.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a course, "Real Estate Salespersons Licensing" on Saturdays through December 8 at its campus, 2039 Kennedy Blvd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuition \$200. For information call Jersey City State College regarding the Scholastic Aptitude Test review courses from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays through October 27. For information call 201-547-3069.

MILLVILLE—South Jersey Sportsman Jambooree from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday. Arts & crafts, deejays, boot show, etc. Free.

TRENTON—Old Barracks Museum will have an 18th century medical day where colonial medical techniques and Revolutionary War hospital life will be explored from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$2 for adults, \$1 senior citizens and students, and \$5 for children under 13. For further information call 609-396-1776.

Monday, September 24

ORADELL—March of Dimes Celebrity Golf Classic at the Hackensack Golf Club will feature tennis star Ivan Lendl, a scratch golfer. Sponsored by Hertz. For information contact the March of Dimes 201-982-0700.

TRENTON—Mercer County Black Business Association 1990 Membership Drive Kickoff/Reception at Corestates, NJ National Bank 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact David Jones 609-392-2726.

NEW YORK—WNVC presents New York Cabaret Nights with live performances from 7 to 9 p.m. at "The Ballroom" featuring Karen Mason, Margaret Wright and more. For information call 212-689-7716.

Tuesday, September 25

UNION—Kean College offers Training Needs and Analysis and Evaluation Techniques at 6:30 p.m. on eight

Tuesdays. An introduction to International Trade will be taught at 6:30 p.m. on seven Tuesdays. An Overview of Health Care Management will be taught at 6:30 p.m. on six Tuesdays. For further information call 201-527-3089.

JERSEY CITY—The Women's Opportunity to Retrain for Careers Project of Jersey City State College begins its session of a high school program for single mothers with school-aged children. Also, "Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program," "Food Shopping," and "Bulimia and Women," will be held from 12 to 2 p.m.

JERSEY CITY—"Sounds Around" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Heppburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

NEW YORK—NMSD/Dena Coy Productions "Power Breakfast" Awards at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. For further information call Dena Coye 212-573-2385.

WASHINGTON, DC—The Congressional Black Caucus activities begin at the Washington Hilton. Contact Karen McInnis 202-675-6730.

BOSTON, MA—New England Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference, sponsored by US Department of Commerce Boston District Office MBDA. Information call 617-565-658.

MILWAUKEE, WI—Marketplace '90, sponsored by Wisconsin Minority Business Development at the Grand Hotel. For information call 608-287-9550.

Wednesday, September 26
UNION—Kean College offers Skills for Trainers and Evaluation Techniques at 6:30 p.m. on ten Wednesdays. Health Care and Ethics/Complex Question will be taught at 5:30 p.m. on four Wednesdays. For further information call 201-527-3089.

BUFFALO, NY—1990 Opportunity Trade Fair sponsored by Upstate NY RMPC. Contact Mary Hayes 716-865-6266.

WATERBURY, CT—1990 CMPC Opportunity Trade Fair sponsored by Connecticut MPCY RMPC through the 27th. Contact Mary Hayes 203-382-3889.

CHARLOTTE, NC—1990 Trade Fair, sponsored by Carolina Minority Supplier Development Councils, Inc. at the Omni. For information call 704-372-8731.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual National Convention and International Business Exchange at the Hyatt. Call 816-531-6363 for information.

Thursday, September 27
PLAINFIELD—The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will conduct a series of excellent condition, used children's fall and winter clothing through Saturday 29 from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. For information call 201-561-1751.

EDISON—"Performance Plus" a training evaluation clinic will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the JFK Lifestyle Institute, 2050 Oak Tree Road. Participants must pre-register and can do so by calling 201-548-2962.

UNION—Kean College offers Overview of Training and Development at 6:30 p.m. on six Thursdays. Selling Effectively in the Overseas Market will be taught at 6:30 p.m. on seven Thursdays. Long Term Career Understanding the Care Delivery System will be taught at 7:40 p.m. on four Wednesdays. For further information call 201-527-3069.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College Center for African/Afro American Studies will present Dr. Clement Price of Rutgers University to speak on "The Concept of Freedom in African American History" at 7 p.m. in Heppburn Hall. Contact Dr. Deborah Sanders, 201-547-3153.

STANHOPE—Triple Threat Boxing Teams Presents Fight for the Arts, a special charity event with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Expected celebrity guests, Muhammad Ali, Joe

Frazier, Larry Holmes and more. Call 201-762-1355 for further information.

Saturday, September 29

EAST ORANGE—Cox Institute will sponsor the adductive seminar on the Black Alcoholism and Prevention of Chemical abuse at 9 a.m. For information contact 678-7626.

UNION—Saturday Enrichment Classes will run through November 3 at the Kean College Campus. Classes for grades 1 through 6 and Special Class for ages 4-5. Call 201-654-5581.

OLDWICK—A craft show and sale sponsored by the Odewick United Methodist church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will offer a large variety of crafts. For information and directions call 201-439-2322.

Sunday, September 30

TEANECK—The works of Myra E. Morris will be displayed at 44 South Prospect Terrace from 2 to 6 p.m. Art show and sale "Celebrating Rhythm and Movement." Call 201-837-7718.

WASHINGTON, DC—MED Week '90 run through October 5. Sponsored by the US Dept of Commerce/MBDA. Contact Constance King-Smith 202-377-5196.

Monday, October 1

NEW YORK—WNVC presents New York Cabaret Nights with live performances from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Algonquin featuring Charles DeForest and Michael Feinstein. For information call 212-689-7716.

Tuesday, October 2

PASSPANY—A public forum to identify the need of the community and its citizens in order to help local and state officials plan for library information services for the 1990s and beyond will be held at the Aspen from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For further information write to WHCLIS II c/o New Jersey State Library, 185 West State St, CN 520, Trenton, NJ 08625-0520.

Wednesday, October 3

PLAINFIELD—The Garden State Ballet will present Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at 2 and 8 p.m. at Montclair State College. For ticket information call 201-624-6111.

Thursday, October 4

NEW YORK—WNVC presents New York Cabaret Nights with live performances from 7 to 9 p.m. at "Rainbow and Stars" featuring Carol Fredette and Richard Rodney Bennett. For information call 212-689-7716.

Wednesday, October 10

PLAINFIELD—A six-part program, sponsored by Mulenberg Regional Medical Center, addressing problems of adults who care for aging relatives will be held at the medical center's Adult Medical Day Care Center on Park Avenue from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. For information to register call 201-668-2328.

Saturday, October 13

NEWARK—A public forum to identify the need of the community and its citizens in order to help local and state officials plan for library information services for the 1990s and beyond will be held at the Newark Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For further information write to WHCLIS II c/o New Jersey State Library, 185 West State St, CN 520, Trenton, NJ 08625-0520.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College begins the Graduate Record Examination review courses from 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays through November 18. For information call 201-547-3089.

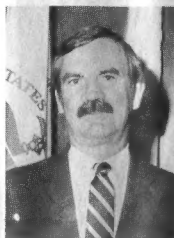
RED BANK—The Garden State Ballet will present Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at 8 p.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Mount Basic Theatre. For information call 201-624-6111.

Monday, October 15

NEW YORK—WNVC presents New York Cabaret Nights with live performances from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Algonquin featuring Andrea Marcovici, Joan Wilson and Marion McPartland. For information call 212-689-7716.

Tuesday, October 16

JERSEY CITY—"Light Fantastic" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Heppburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.



Mayor Sharpe James has named John Pidgeon, First assistant corporation counsel, as September's "Employee of the Month." John Pidgeon is always busy, always thorough, always objective and has always been a credit to Newark, Mayor James said.

As first assistant, Pidgeon runs the litigation section of the department and handles all the trial work for the Police Department.



A top prize of \$1 million, payable over 20 years, will be at stake when the New Jersey Lottery holds a Pick-6 Lotto Bonus Million Grand Prize drawing at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City on September 12. Acting Lottery Executive Director Charles S. Dawson announced the 305 finalists for the drawing which will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Pictured with Dawson is finalist Gloria Austin of Newark. The finalists represent 20 counties and five are from out-of-state one from Texas, one from North Carolina, one from Pennsylvania and two from New York.

The finalists won their ways into the drawing by matching, in exact order, the five-digit Bonus Million Game number picked Monday and Thursday evenings as part of the televised drawings for the Pick-6 Lotto twice weekly game.

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CITY BUSINESS

ON THE MONEY

By Serra Syndication

From Whiz Kid to Overnight Millionaire to Jail? The question many in New Jersey's financial community are still wondering is how he did it, but fact is Samuel L. Salter, II managed to talk veteran bankers and mortgage lenders out of more than \$7.5 million. Of course, the fact that Salter was gifted is well-documented in reports like those in the New York Times and People Magazine. In 1984, he was shaking hands with President Reagan after being named "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Small Business Association. He was just 20. Just one year prior, his newly-opened mortgage brokerage, Continental Financial Corp had processed just over \$12 million in loans. Ironically, Salter started in business with no more than a high school equivalency diploma and an awe of the genius of those like Michael Milken and Ivan Boesky (before their legal woes) whom he'd read about in business magazines. Armed with a good head for math, street smarts and the persuasiveness reserved to veteran salesmen, Salter set out by packaging loans for small businessmen, not previously deemed as credit-worthy. Fact is, the company thrived on legitimate transactions by most accounts, until Salter began concentrating his efforts on the booming home mortgage market. However, today the 25-year-old investment banker is looking at indictments for fraud and forgery charges. In the meantime, a New Jersey court has frozen more than \$7.5 million of his assets, his \$1.5 million mansion has been sold, and he cannot afford the cost of a lawyer.

Network's Highest Ranking Black: Jonathan Rodgers, vice president of CBS' WBBM in Chicago, succeeds Eric Ober as president of the CBS television stations division. Rodgers, a former CBS news producer will be allowed to remain in Chicago, instead of relocating to New York. The promotion makes Rodgers the highest ranking black executive at any of the three networks.

Women Narrow The Earnings Gap: A recent study from the Labor Department reveals an improvement in women's pay with correlation of that to men. Women have traditionally made just three-fifths of what men at the same level (and doing the same job) have made. But increases reflective of earnings per hour now document a significant narrowing in the gap. Most attribute the increase to the fact that women are becoming more of their own dreams coming true lately, what with his acquisition of a Pepsi franchise in Washington, D.C. In fact, Johnson says it's been taking up a lot of his time lately, having travelled "back and forth to D.C. on Pepsi business, making sure that everything is running right." And Johnson appears to be genuinely excited. "It's a great deal," he says. "I'm looking forward to it, and hopefully, we can turn that \$60 million business into a \$120 million business and keep it going. That's what I'm getting into now—big business." And in the latest round of the NIKE vs. Operation PUSH Affair... officials from both met in New York in a meeting requested by NIKE to end the boycott. However, as neither party could come to terms with the other, the boycott is still on.

Midlantic announces loans for small businesses

EDISON—Midlantic National Bank has announced a program designed to provide loans for small businesses that may not be able to qualify for traditional bank financing.

The announcement was made by Marshall L. Wolf, Executive Vice President of Midlantic Corporation, the parent Company of Midlantic National Bank. Wolf is responsible for Community Reinvestment Act activities and the coordination of public and political affairs.

"The U.S. Small Business Administration Loan Program which Midlantic is providing will allow us to better serve our communities by giving promising small businesses the chance to grow and prosper," Wolf said.

The Bank has already closed its first SBA loan under this program. The loan provides \$500,000 in financing for Electro Manufacturing Company of Newark, a manufacturer of electronic tubes components and specialty metal parts.

"The financing will allow the company to expand and increase its number of employees," said

Allan R. Juleus, an Assistant Vice President and lender at Midlantic National Bank, Asset Based Financial Services Department.

Juleus added the bank is waiting for approval from the SBA on two other loans. One would permit a small company to construct a fast-serve oil change and lubrication operation in Piscataway. The other would provide financing for a Linden-based company owned by two women who silk screen and design high-end fashion T-shirts.

In addition, Midlantic National Bank/North, based in Paterson, is test marketing the SBA loan program in the Clifton and Passaic areas, noted Joseph P. Barbato, the bank's SBA liaison officer.

The SBA guarantees loans under the program, allowing Midlantic to provide financing to businesses that might not be able to qualify for a traditional bank loan or that might need extended repayment terms. The bank, as well as the SBA, must approve the loans.

To be eligible for consideration, a business must be operated

for profit; be independently owned and operated; and qualify under SBA size standard criteria.

Loans may be made to assist an established business or to start a business. For a new business, the applicant must provide a reasonable amount of his or her own funds (cash or equipment) so the operation is adequately capitalized. The SBA requires a minimum capital contribution of 30 percent to 50 percent by the principals in new business start-ups. Equity in personal assets does not qualify as capital. The applicant must also meet other require-

ments, including Midlantic's credit standards.

Businesses that would like more information about Midlantic's SBA loan program can contact Mr. Juleus of Midlantic National Bank at (201) 396-2069 or Mr. Barbato of Midlantic National Bank/North at (201) 881-5435.

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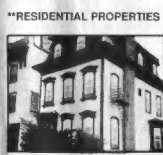
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Yamba says ECC's vital student programs may close due to state's snafu

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graduating from ECC. CASSD is a model program recommended for two other community college with populations similar to Essex. An outside evaluation team that gave the unique program high marks suggested similar centers be established at Mercer and Camden County colleges.

Yamba said he was "stunned" last spring when he told ECC had received a letter informing the college DHE would no longer fund "grant programs" because of cutbacks in its budget. "CASSD was not one of the department's grant programs," Yamba explained. "And when I called Chancellor Hollander he said he believed the letter might have been sent out by mistake."

But when Yamba and others sharply criticized Hollander's letter, the Chancellor changed his mind, telling the state higher education board that the center was deliberately eliminated because it had been unsuccessful.

In response, Yamba, scores of students and staff members attended a meeting of the board in June, demanding to be heard on the issue.

They were accompanied by State Senator Ronald Rice, an ECC graduate and vocal supporter of the center. Rice said since CASSD was not a grant program the elimination of the money had been a "bureaucratic mistake" that DHE was trying to "cover up."

Later, Rice threatened to withhold his vote on the Florio

budget "unless Essex gets its money." He maintains he was told there would be no problem when he spoke to the governor.

Somewhat appeased, Yamba sat back to wait for Hollander's office to respond to the request for renewed funding that involved some \$220,000 dollars. When it failed to materialize, the school contacted Rice, DHE and Gov. Florio's office. Florio denied hearing from Rice and his office contended there was no money for the center because the state budget was committed. However, he said funding next year would depend on his administration's evaluation of the program - an evaluation to be conducted by the Department of Higher Education.

Yamba contends this is equivalent to putting the fix in the hen house. He believes HED is "determined to sabotage the program because it is a success story. Other, more favored programs, including the Educational Opportunity Fund and pre-college programs recently instituted by four year colleges throughout the state."

A veteran college administrator before becoming president of Essex, Yamba noted that "It is traditional for state and suburban-based county colleges to concentrate only on students well prepared for a higher education learning experience. Essex County College, because of its location in Newark, has often been the college of last resort for students who need remedial work. We have filled the gap caused by inner city elementary and high schools."

NEW HOPES... "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me... He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted." (Isaiah 61:1)

"This is not to say underrepresented groups have never been accepted by other institutions. They have sometimes been admitted only to flunk out when they could not cope with conventional college-level courses. Another ploy, particularly for minority students, has been to subtly suggest they try Essex. The state of New Jersey would have a sad record of affirmative action without an Essex County College," he said.

Adamant about what he perceives as "sabotage," Yamba said lack of funding has already forced him to lay off half the center's eight-member teaching staff, leaving the 300 students in the program with one counselor in a position that will eventually have to be eliminated.

Pointing a finger at the Florio administration, he noted "The CASSD program is the only thing that the administration says it is trying to do. It is an effort by the college to make up for the failures of the public schools. It is a successful urban program and is indicative of what can be done cheaply - to help minorities and other urban residents. It could be a showcase for a Governor, himself a product of a state college, to prove that New Jersey has a vast interest in developing productive citizens well prepared for jobs in high technology and the myriad service industries."

In the last 20 years, Essex County College has graduated students who have become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, teachers, scientists and other highly prized professionals.

Faculty members who have been with the college for more than two decades admit it has not been easy working at a college "that... has been forced to lurch from crisis to crisis." The reward has been the success of people who had little chance of succeeding without an Essex County College, one of the veteran faculty said as he expressed "sadness, disappointment and frustration" over what he too described as "bureaucratic nonsense from Trenton."

When ECC began operating in the mid-1960s, the student population was predominantly non-minority. Over the years the ethnic population has changed drastically. Today blacks and Hispanics make up some 90 percent of matriculating students.

Yamba took over the presidency in 1980 and since then has introduced a number of innovative programs designed to help single mothers get off welfare, to improve job skills for men and women. During his administration he has encouraged the growth of a women's center, added an on-campus day center for the children of staff and students, built a gymnasium and theater and increased the hiring of minority administrators and faculty.

"We have done everything possible to make ECC responsive to the needs of the county and state," he said. "I just don't understand why members of the higher education staff, who have never been in Newark, who have never seen Essex County College, are so determined to sabotage a successful program like our development center."

"I'm just disgusted with everybody on this one. Once again Essex is relegated to the position of a second-class citizen in academia. Once again somebody in Trenton thinks it's o.k. to give our administration, faculty and students empty promises."

Yamba said he may take actions that would be to impose admissions standards, during to do "in the light what other institutions do in the dark" and may also withdraw Essex from state-sponsored pre-college programs the programs Hollander said

First Christian Assembly in Plainfield will be offering a 3-part series entitled New Hope For Our Brokenness And Pain. Friday, October 12: The Problem. Hope for the dysfunctional family, the sexually abused, the addict and the co-dependent. Friday, Octo-

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Rev. Jackson to keynote BIC Dinner

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nizations' involvement for the past seven years have borne some positive developments in the area of public policy, but we still have a long way to go in order to effectively promote and achieve equality of opportunity within our state."

"Strengthening the Black

Community: Strategies for Saving Our Next Generation" is the theme for the Convention held from September 19 through Sep-

tember 23, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in East Brunswick, New Jersey. For additional information, contact N.J. BIC at (201) 824-7463.

Newark Super Sale

residents can afford," James continued. "I hope that many Newarkers will come out for this auction."

Marshall Cooper, manager of the Division of Property Management, agreed with the mayor. "The Newark general auction of all segments of Newark's population an opportunity to invest in the City's renaissance. In addition, city-owned property purchased at the 'Super Sale' can be rehabilitated to help meet the strong demand for rental units by

Newark residents."

During the City's last Super Sale, held on June 26 and 27 of this year, 31 residential or commercial properties were sold, along with 74 vacant lots. The auction brought in nearly \$2 million for the City.

Cooper said that representatives of lending institutions, construction firms and real estate brokerage houses will also be at the auction to provide helpful information regarding the financing, renovation and upgrading of purchased properties.

In addition, Cooper suggested that citizens who plan to partici-

pate in the property auction take the following steps: inspect the property prior to the auction; get a preliminary cost estimate from a licensed contractor to determine the cost of repairing the property; contact a local realtor to determine the values of properties that have recently sold; and contact the Newark Housing Assistance Division on the third floor of 32 Green St.

Auction books for the sale are available at the Newark Division of Property Management, also located at 32 Green Street.

United Family Health Fair

The United Family of African Organizations in conjunction with our principal sponsor, Saint Luke AME Church, 146-156 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, will hold a health fair at the church grounds on Saturday, September 22, 1990 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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Payne leads Caucus workshops

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Payne, who was elected in 1988 as New Jersey's first black Congressman, has been one of the most active freshman members of Congress. He was the only new member appointed to three standing committees: Education and Labor, Government Operations, and Foreign Affairs. In addition, the Speaker of the House, Tom Foley, recently appointed him to the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

The workshop entitled "Literacy in the '90s, Preparing for Our Future," which is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Washington Hilton, will focus on efforts to promote literacy in America. Each of the panelists is noted for expertise in a particular area of literacy.

Joining in the discussion will be Betsy Brand, Assistant Secretary, Adult and Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education; Maggi Gaines, Baltimore City Literacy Corporation; Beverly Hennings, Street Literacy Clinic; Anderson Clark, Project Literacy US; and Dan Lacy, Vice President, Business Council for Effective Literacy. Payne has been successful in securing passage of legislation in Congress to focus national attention on the issue of literacy.

Payne, who serves on the Subcommittee on Africa in Congress, will hold a Brain Trust on the topic "Problems and Potential for Trade in Africa" on Friday, September 28, from a.m. to 12 noon in the Rayburn House Office Building. The seminar seeks to solicit new ideas and strategies for increasing trade between African-American businesses and counterpart businesses in African countries. Ambassadors of America's most important trading partners in Africa will share their observations. There will be two panels: "Perspective of American Leaders" and "Perspective of African Ambassadors." Participating in the first

will be Ambassador Irvin Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Bureau, State Department; Allison Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Bureau, State Department; C. Payne Lucas, Executive Director, Africare; Leonard Robinson, Executive Director, African Development Foundation; Vivian Derriek, President, African-American Institute; and Aubrey McCutcheon, Executive Director, Washington Office on Africa. The second panel will include Tatamene Manata, Ambassador of Zaire; Hamzat Ahmadu, Ambassador of Nigeria; Denis D. Afande, Ambassador of Kenya; and Nomach Chakanema, Minister of Economic Affairs of Zimbabwe.

On Friday, September 28, Payne will host a Brain Trust entitled "Our Youth at Risk" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This discussion will examine at-risk youth through two panels. The first panel will consist of young people who will help give the audience some perspective on their lives, touching on both their problems and their hopes for the future.

The second panel will consist of experts who will discuss at-risk indicators and examine programs and policies which seek to address the problems of at-risk youth. Areas to be covered include health, education, criminal justice and economics.

Young people from the Doug Williams Foundation and the Center for Population Options will participate in the first panel. The second panel will include Robert Johnson, M.D., Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, University of Medicine at the State of New Jersey, Director of Adolescent Medicine, New Jersey Medical School; Betty Lester, Judge, New Jersey Superior Court; Mary Boland, Director of the AIDS Program at Children's Hospital; Dennis Rahim Watson, Executive Director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council and a representative of the Children's Defense Fund.

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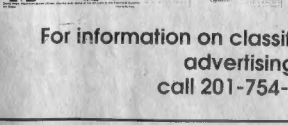
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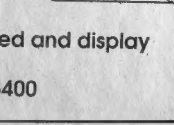
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The mysterious country of Morocco located in Northwest Africa measures 171,305 square miles. Morocco's population numbering 21,666,000 consists of Arabs and Berbers and few Europeans. These people speak different languages mostly, Arabic, Berber dialects, French, or Spanish. Most of the people in Morocco practice three main religions, or systems of belief and/or practices: 96% are Islamic, 3% Roman Catholic, and 1% practice Judaism.

Through sea ports in Morocco's largest towns, Casablanca, Tangier, and Safi, major imports and exports are traded. Morocco is responsible for a many important global crops: cereals, olives, dates, vegetables, grapes, and citrus fruit. What could these crops be used for? Morocco is the second largest phosphate producer.

Moroccans import many products such as sugar, petroleum, vehicles, other machinery and steel. These goods are purchased with dirham which is Moroccan money.

Most Moroccans attend college or universities abroad. If they wish to stay near home, they can attend the University of Rabat, located in the capitol city of Rabat.

To learn more about the great nation of Morocco visit your school or local library. Next week we will take a look at Algeria.

Union County Essay Winners

Why I don't need drugs
by Meagan Wittek

There are many problems facing both children and adults in the world today. One of the biggest problems and most dangerous problem is drug abuse. Many people take drugs because they feel they can't function properly without them. All these people aren't high school dropouts or stupid. Many of them are very smart and have wonderful families and jobs.

Opinions are changing as more people recognize the enormous threat drugs are to our society. While drug use was once glamorized by some, most now see drugs as a pitiful excuse to many of life's problems. Drug use can only lead to major problems and death. Each person that decides they will not use drugs brings us closer to a world that no longer has a drug problem. No longer will drugs destroy and end lives that are vital.

I know I don't need drugs. Why waste a brain? Why lose friendships while taking drugs? Why lose your family's trust in you? Taking drugs will ruin my hopes of going to a good college. Drugs will ruin my chances of being a good athlete. Drugs will cause me to lose friendships and relationships.

By not using drugs, I take one step toward eliminating the drug menace once and for all. The drug problem in this country



Meagan Wittek, 2nd place winner, Linden and Leia Jervett (left) 1st place winner, Roselle.

can only end by people not using drugs. Elimination of demand for drugs is the only solution.

I do not want to contribute to people who make money by causing suffering to so many people. People who sell drugs and encourage its use are as responsible for killing as would be a mass murderer.

By buying drugs, I would only be helping countries that do not do enough to prevent the export of drugs from their lands. Our country, though, must eliminate its demand for drugs that creates the entry into the United States of these drugs.

Why I don't need drugs
by Leia Jervett

Today's society has been born into an age of reformation and darkness hidden in crack dens and in the minds of babies born addicted to crack. Drugs have bruised, in some way or

form, everyone's lives. They are found with every social class and every race across the world. Unfortunately, new stories about drug related shooting or the admittance of substance abuse by a political figure has become as common as a weather report on the six o'clock news. The outpouring of the general public outrage and sympathy toward real life "drug stories" varies and has everyone involved.

I understand and have seen the effects of drugs on people close enough to me to be called family. They have ruined lives, caused deaths, and hurt the friends of drug users. These are reasons enough to stay away. Drugs are the unknown for some, but they are fatal diseases that I must always escape. Other than drugs being used for medical purposes, they are the destruction of humanity. I do not need drugs for this one main reason.

No problem, concern, or worry could drive me to the misery that drugs bring to a person's life.

I believe that everyone has an inner strength supported by God that enables every individual to reject drugs. It takes soul searching and reflection to find the will-power within one's self when addicted but if you have faith in the Lord, he will always provide. I do not need drugs and I will not contribute to the destruction of lives.

CAN'T TOUCH THIS!



Tiffany Wetherford

Mayor Sharpe James recently named two ambitious and talented young women as August's "Youth of the Month," in his city hall office during an Incentive Awards Program sponsored by WNWK-FM Radio.

Tiffany Wetherford and Tiffany Wetherford are being honored for their individual accomplishments, Horton, for being an outstanding student and community volunteer and Wetherford, for being an exemplary student as well as a champion track runner," said Mayor James.

Both young ladies have devoted tireless hours to careers that will distinguish them in their

Newark Students of the Month

fields," he maintained.

The Incentive Award Program is a monthly event that recognizes outstanding Newark citizens who have been nominated because they distinguished themselves in various categories. Each winner is awarded \$250.

Horton, a recent University High graduate, was awarded \$250 from WNWK and \$500 from The Sharpe James' Civic Association to be used toward her college education. She was an active Inroads and SHARE participant and was recognized by the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Horton, now a mechanical engineering major at Princeton University, said she finds the classes "challenging," and decided on mechanical engineering "because its less technical composition can be used in the business field."

Tiffany Wetherford, now a junior at Science High, was named "Player of the Year" by Gatorade for her championship track season last season. She won 18 championships and set 15 track meet records.

According to Wetherford, she



Yutonya Horton

was not going to try out for the track team when she entered Science High, but the coach approached her and encouraged her to try out. As a result, she said she met nice people and decided to stay with the team.

Tiffany announced "I plan to keep running until I reach the Olympics." Because of this aspiration, she accepted a citation in lieu of the \$250 award money to protect her amateur athlete standing.

The Incentive Award Program also acknowledges nominated individuals for "Citizen of the Month" and "Teacher of the Month" categories.

William Paterson College DuBois Scholars



PLAINFIELD—Eight Plainfield residents were among the 47 high-achieving African-American and Hispanic students selected to participate in the third annual W.E.B. DuBois scholars program held this summer at William Paterson College in Wayne. From left, seated, are Nashad Lateef Warfield, Alicia Jones and Joel Plummer. Standing are Dr. Sherie Boone, director of the DuBois Scholars program, Jermaine Lynn Johnson, Valerie Pate, Kirsten Mason, Tyshaun Hawkins and Tyrone Gramby. The program is designed to foster the development of leadership skills and self-esteem. DuBois Scholars spend weekdays in residence on the WPC campus, pursuing studies in history, philosophy, mathematics and computer application, leadership and communications. All are students at Plainfield High School with the exception of Pate, who attends the Wardlaw Hartridge School in Edison.

NHA Scholarship Winners

NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY



NEWARK—The Newark Housing Authority Scholarship Foundation will hold its third annual scholarship dinner dance, "A Salute to Excellence," on Friday, September 21, 1990, 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Airport Hotel, Newark International Airport. The six recipients selected by the Foundation for 1990 will be presented with \$2,000 scholarships each to help offset college tuition and expenses. This year's recipients are: (from left to right) (front row) Rosa J. Jimenez of Baxter Terrace, Robin M. Moses of Stella Wright Homes, (back row) Ian Samad Onique of Baxter Terrace, Ardwin Way of Pennington Court, and Naeer A. Jamail of New Horizons. Not pictured is Erika Yarborough of Seth Boyden Court, the sixth winner.

North Jersey Jack & Jill visit African Heritage Festival



CITY LIFE

African Heritage celebrated at Arts Center and Newark Plaza



Paula 'Ya Ya' Johnson performs traditional African dances at Newark's People Festival. Photo by Glen Frieson



Vendor displays his hand-dyed items at Newark's People Festival. Photo by Glen Frieson



Nkiru Ezeokoli, director of the 'Mission to Africa' import and export business exhibits her hand dyed garments at the People Festival. Photo by Glen Frieson



Arthur Coles, designer of the African Heritage Festival logo which is displayed on his tee-shirt, chats with Theresa Brown.



Gettin' down at the Garden State Arts Center



John and Mary Folk of Plainfield with their granddaughter Senola at the African American Festival held at the Garden State Arts Center. Photo by Ray Bailey

Shackelford, mayors showcased

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Steele, Irvington and Doug Palmer of Trenton. It was their special invited guest, Lotie Shackelford of Little Rock, Ark., who was the cynosure of all eyes. Shackelford is the first black woman to be elected vice chair of the Democratic National Committee and was visiting North Jersey for the first time.

Her long list of political accomplishments include election as the first woman Mayor of Little Rock, secretary of the National Assn. of State Democratic Chairs and vice chair, Arkansas State Democratic Committee.

Shackelford is serving her fourth term as a Little Rock City Director (the equivalent of local council member.) is a cum laude graduate in business administration from Philander Smith College and was a fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

She describes herself as an "ordinary person" faced with the trials and tribulations of dividing her time between homemaker, mother and career woman.

She had high praise for BLAC PAC which she said is the way of the future for "meaningful" political involvement. "We must put our money where our mouths are," she predicted. "If we understand that other groups have input because they pay for the privilege, in order for us to gain the same recognition we have to learn to play the game and that is to look upon political action as an investment in our future and the futures of our children."

She declined to say whether or not she thinks Jesse Jackson will make another run for the presidency but did admit she does not know who Democratic National Chairman Ron Brown will support. "It's too soon to tell. There are many potentials in the Democratic Party and certainly Jesse is one of them," she said.

Congratulating the mayors who were honored by BLAC PAC, she told them "You are not alone in your efforts to improve

conditions, especially for minorities, in your communities.

"Despite some misguided news reports, black mayors across the country are accomplishing

much for their constituents in the development of new economic bases and establishing economic programs for black folks. Our presence as businessmen and women is increasing every year and our ability to get elected is becoming the norm instead of the exception."

Noting that as chair of the DNC, Ron Brown is "dedicated to working with all Democrats, he is especially concerned that minorities take full advantage of the opportunity to get involved from the precinct level to the White House," reminding the audience, "The Democratic Party has always and will continue to be the party of the people."

Citing her personal experiences as a "daughter of the South," Shackelford said as a "child of the 60s," she grew up knowing what poverty was and how badly people fared without an education and made up her mind early to stay in school and to become involved in the politics of her community.

She said her teenage experience in church-community service was a natural launching pad to political office. She remains committed to public service as the executive director of the Arkansas Regional Minority Purchasing Council and President of the Southern Regional Council. She also serves on the advisory boards of the National League of Cities and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

In response, BLAC PAC's chairman renewed the organization's pledge to "bring to bear all of our collective resources in order to seek effective solutions to our (black) economic problems...and to develop tools, techniques and procedures for change." "As a financially empowered bloc (of activists) we can do no less," he said.

The guests were a cross-section of Who's Who in Black New Jersey as mayors and city, county, state legislators exchanged information and ideas. The mosaic of veteran leaders and young Turks was an interesting blend and seemed to follow a new trend in state politics where wisdom and experience and youthful energy and enthusiasm has heightened black political progress in the Garden State.

Sen. Wynona Lipman will speak at the Luncheon for the Re-election of **Liz Urquhart** Plainfield City Council at the Coachman Inn & Restaurant 10 Jackson Drive, Cranford Sat., Sept. 29, 1990 12-4 P.M. Donation \$35 Call 754-6891 or 561-1158

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From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via Serra Syndication

The Whispers Bail Out of Solar Records: The smash single, "Innocent" isn't just a comeback single for the Whispers, it's a debut. Not only is it the veteran's group first release in two years, it's their first release on a new label, Capitol Records, following a 10 year stint with Solar. "Innocent" is ushering the Whispers into the '90s in a big way. The song was produced and co-written by singer, Robert Brooks, and showcases the groups' classic harmonies against an up-to-the-minute groove that's tough enough to rock any dance floor. The Whispers are old hands at making good music. After all, lead singing, twin brothers, Walter and Scotty have been with group members Nick Caldwell and Marcus Hudson for 26 years. The fifth member of the Whispers, Lavell Degree joined the group in 1973. After all those years of singing and recording, the Whispers were ready to explore the behind-the-scenes side of the music business. They decided the '90s was the decade they'd make their mark as producers but that dream put them in direct conflict with their long time label, Solar Records. A lot of past and present Solar artists say that label chief, Dick Griffey keeps a tight reign on his acts. And Walter says Griffey wasn't too keen on the Whispers desire to produce. "Solar was a very good label and we made a lot of money for them as a singing group, and that's what they wanted us to stick to doing." "We didn't see eye-to-eye with them on that, we wanted to spread our wings". So the Whispers quit Solar and signed with Capitol Records, where their behind-the-scenes dreams are coming true. Walter and Scotty will record a solo album to be produced by the group. In addition, the Whispers will be forming their own record company in association with Capitol, to develop new talent. As far as the group is concerned, Solar head honcho, Dick Griffey is just a memory. "We haven't said anything to Dick Griffey in about a year". We will always admire and respect what he stood for in the beginning of our career. Dick Griffey is a very innovative man, and Solar Records could have been even bigger than it is now". We just reached a point where we had to go our own way and do our own thing". The Whispers' new "More Of The Night" album is a class "A" production, divided into two halves. One side is labeled "for dancing" and the other is "for romancing". The Whispers' "More Of The Night" album also showcases the work of several talented, up-and-coming songwriters and producers. The Whispers have always had an eye for spotting hot, rising writers and producers, and Scotty says working with developing talent helps keep them fresh.

From the PP&T (People, Places & Things) File: Police in Augusta, GA recently arrested nice guy rap duo, Kid N' Play for allegedly simulating sex on stage during a concert at the Augusta Richmond County Civic Center. Kid was surprised by the arrest and described Kid N' Play's actions as "a little extra gyrating stuff", nothing offensive, we thought." Both rappers were freed after paying a \$550 fine...**Flashback:** Over the past 10 years, Larry Graham of "One In A Million You" fame, became a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. He has been recording, writing songs and producing other people, among them, Tyca Nelson, Prince's younger sister.**From Our Feedback Line:** Callers want to know why Jody Watley isn't in the news as much as Janet Jackson and Paula Abdul, and whether Jody has received any endorsements. Jody is currently writing songs for her third album, due out early next year. As far as endorsements go, Jody has her own exercise video out, called "Jody Watley - Dance to Fitness, Baby" and she's appeared in print ads for the Gap clothing store. Although Jody's last two albums went platinum, she still hasn't experienced the kind of mega sales that Janet Jackson and Paula Abdul have. Also Jody is a very private person and doesn't go out of her way to keep her name in the news. If you have an opinion on this or any of our stories, just call our Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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Joke Corner!

HA! HA! HA!

HEE! HEE! HEE!

1. Why did the strawberry cry?
2. What do you call a cow that just had a baby calf?

Answers: 1. Because its mother was in a jam.
2. "Deaf-fartened" (Dee-fart-nated).

WORD SCRAMBLE

Hint: Colors

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Answers to last week's word scramble:

autumn, colors, football, October, rake, Veteran's Day, Halloween, leaves, Election Day, September

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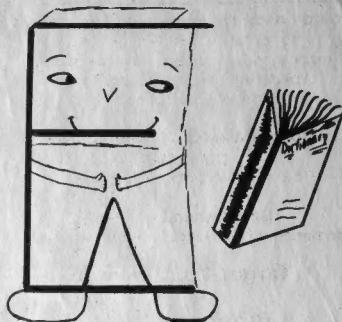
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Weekend athletes should watch what they drink

by Dr. Michael Liang

Not so long ago, taking time out for a water break during a grueling athletic workout was considered a sign of weakness.

Now it's considered being smart and necessary. Where athletes and their coaches were once worried about cramps from too much water, now dehydration from lack of body fluids is more of a concern.

But fluid replacement during

exercise has become more than just a smart health move. It's also become both a science and big business.

Isotonic beverages—which contain body minerals as well as fluid—have become popular with both organized school teams and weekend athletes as a replacement for water. These commercial products, available in grocery and convenience stores, are de-

signed to quickly replace body fluids and minerals lost through exercise.

Along with the lost fluid, these beverages also restore carbohydrates and electrolytes—sodium and potassium compounds that regulate body processes—that may have been drained from the body during physical competition.

But not every one who exercises needs isotonic beverages. For weekend athletes and those who exercise less than an hour at a time, plain water will adequately replenish the body's fluids.

It's wise to drink water before exercising as well as during and after. Water intake before competition allows the body to build up an adequate supply of fluids. Athletes should also drink water once every 20 minutes during competition that takes longer than an hour.

Drinking water after a workout is also important in order to replace the lost fluids and prevent dehydration. In fact, you should replace each lost pound with 16 ounces of water.

Also, avoid carbonated beverages and fruit-flavored juices. These drinks contain a very high

sugar concentration, which is hard for the body to digest quickly and can lead to stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration. If you must drink carbonated beverages, let them get slightly flat.

At all costs, avoid alcohol and caffeine. Both cause urination and eventual dehydration.

Tips for eating before athletic competition include:

- Eat at least three to four hours before athletic competition to allow time for proper digestion and absorption.

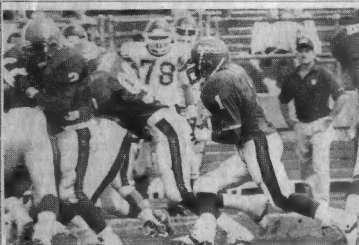
- Eat complex carbohydrates such as pasta, whole wheat bread

and fresh fruits. They digest fast enough to avoid cramping or nausea.

- Avoid simple sugars, such as candy bars, for instant energy. They draw fluid to the gastrointestinal area and stimulate insulin secretion, which may result in low blood sugar.

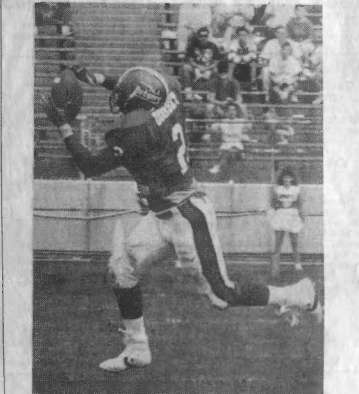
It's important to remember that no matter what your program meals consist of or how much water or isotonic beverages you drink, it won't enhance your athletic performance.

But it will make you healthier overall and allow you to compete at your peak of fitness.



Rutgers' Ron Allen en route to an 82-yard kickoff return in the second quarter of the Rutgers-Colgate game in Piscataway.

Photo by Ray Bailey



Fullback Tekay Dorsey catches a pass in the first half at the Rutgers game against Colgate. Dorsey became the first Rutgers running back since 1984 to rush for 100 or more yards in two straight games. The final score Rutgers defeated Colgate 28-17. Dorsey ran for 116 yards.

Photo by Ray Bailey

Publishers Interview

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districts, you can have a good principal who through their own charisma or pedagogical power or persuasiveness or whatever, have managed to eke out or scratch out a very good school. And in spite of what seems to be overwhelming odds, we know that can happen.

Why doesn't it happen more frequently? What do we need to do to ensure that the principal is that effective leader we know about? Next summer, I want to have one of the largest training programs the state has ever seen.

There are 432 schools in these thirty urban districts. I have asked our staff to identify all of the data that we now know about in those 432 schools. I'm going to put them on an array to see where they now are: the drop out rate, their student achievement rate, their attendance rate, their class sizes, the conditions of the building, the programs offered—all the things that we now know, I want to see. Now those are descriptors and then I want to follow those over time and see that I get results. I know that unless we have effective principals, we won't get good results. So, if we can do one thing, it is to improve the principalship, to help the principal with strategic planning, program analysis, how to involve the staff and community in the programs.

City News: Now you mention that there is going to be more training for principals.

Commissioner: Yes. *City News:* Do you actually believe that principals who have not taken that initiative, given the time they have been in the schools, can be retrained enough to really make the difference you

are talking about in this generation of kids?

Commissioner: I think that they deserve the chance.

City News: Those that have been there twenty or thirty years, don't you think there's been ample opportunity for them?

Commissioner: I believe that the people in the current roles probably represent all phases of competence involved and we probably have some folks that are brilliant and are tremendously effective and we probably have the reverse. Now what do we do about the ones that are the reverse, that have the dysfunctional qualities? From the state level, I believe the first approach is to provide the training that will be oriented specifically toward program improvement and we have to be serious about that. We will have training next summer and then there will be follow-up activities throughout the year. Potentially, there may be the appointment of mentors to assist individuals to grow and develop and we will be looking for the results. Now you raise the follow-up question, "What if you don't get the results?" We'll have to cross that bridge when we come to it but, there are two or three things that can occur: (1) Is you can dismiss individuals who are not performers or if there are large numbers of non-performers and it is systemic, the State can take over the school district and

change the superintendent, the school board and the principals. Now that is pretty heavy. That's the sort of atomic weapon we try not to use. We have a window of opportunity here to make a difference. There is a billion dollars going into the system. I don't think many states ever come

up with a billion dollars for education. It has to be successful. If we are not successful, it may be the last chance that we'll have to save generations of young people. To me it is essential that we succeed. And we have to be prepared to take any action that will achieve success.



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